

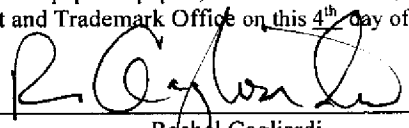
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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of the Examiner mailed August 4, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on November 4, 2008. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.